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LETTER DATED 19 OCTOBER 1998 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the English translation of the note verbale dated 27 September 1998 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Tehran.

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hadi NEJAD HOSSEINIAN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Note verbale dated 27 September 1998 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Tehran

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Tehran and has the honour to state the following:

Relevant Iranian authorities have reported that on 6 April and 18 June 1998 a number of Iraqis on highly powered boats equipped with weapons intercepted and looted Iranian boats while fishing in the Abu-Safe area in the mouth of the Arvand River.

The Islamic Republic of Iran expresses its objection to such acts and requests that the Government of Iraq take the necessary measures to prevent the recurrence of such acts, which contravene the principle of good neighbourly relations and international law.